

April 15, 2005, IEEE Toronto Section is pleased to announce that two of its members have been selected to receive prestigious awards from IEEE Canada.

Miro Forest is the 2005 recipient of IEEE Canada's W.S. Read Outstanding Service Award "for significant and sustained leadership over two decades as director and president of the IEEE Canadian Foundation and its predecessor organization, IEEC Inc."

Normally, this award would be presented at the upcoming IEEE Canada annual awards banquet which will be held in Saskatoon in early May. However Miro will be unable to attend that event due to prior business commitments. This award will be presented at the 2005 Annual General Meeting of the IEEE Toronto Section on October 22, 2005 at the Old Mill Inn in Toronto.



Miro is a Senior Member of IEEE in Toronto. He has served on the board of the IEEE Canadian Foundation and its predecessor organization, IEEC Inc. for two decades, (and president for 14 of those years) - he took the lead in all legal and regulatory changes that were necessary to change both the name and purpose of IEEC Inc. from a conference management corporation to a registered Canadian charitable foundation. Prior to the conversion, IEEC Inc. (International Electrical and Electronics Conferences Incorporated) ran a series of successful trade shows, each with an associated technical conference, from 1955 to 1987. These events were the venue for meetings of IEEE Region 7 Committee including their annual awards banquet for many years.

Kostas Plataniotis is the 2005 recipient of IEEE Canada's Outstanding Engineering Educator Award "for contributions to engineering education and inspirational guidance of graduate students"

This award will be presented at the upcoming IEEE Canada annual awards banquet which will be held in Saskatoon on May 2, 2005.



Dr. Plataniotis is a Senior Member of IEEE in Toronto and currently serves as the IEEE Toronto Section Chair. He is a tenured Associate Professor with the "Edward S. Rogers Sr. Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering" at the University of Toronto in Toronto, Ontario; a Nortel Institute for Telecommunications Associate; and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science at Ryerson University. His research interests include multimedia signal processing, intelligent and adaptive systems, and wireless communication systems. Kostas received his B. Eng. degree in Computer Engineering & Informatics from the University of Patras, Greece in 1988 and his M.S and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida, in 1992 and 1994 respectively.